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## **UDOT's "Think Safety" Program Issues Reminder: Stay Out of Work Zones** *Children, adults reminded to not play in or near work zones*

**SOUTH JORDAN, Utah**—Summer is in full swing, and that means road construction. With 201 active work zones under way this summer in Utah, UDOT reminds the community and the motoring public to "Think Safety." Through school assemblies, UDOT's Think Safety program focuses on educating children about the dangers of playing in or near construction zones. Rock trucks, cranes and other construction vehicles might be fun to look at, but they can weigh several tons. Kids need to learn how to be "truck smart" to avoid being hit or injured by construction vehicles.

UDOT also cautions that kids aren't the only ones who need to be careful in and around construction zones. Adults are reminded to stay out of work zones, including recreational use.

"We have had multiple reports of children and adults riding bikes, horses and ATVs in the Mountain View Corridor work zone," said Teri Newell, Mountain View Corridor project director. "We cannot stress enough the importance of staying away from construction areas, for the public's safety and the safety of our work crews."

The Mountain View Corridor is a planned freeway, transit and trail system under construction in western Salt Lake and northwestern Utah counties. Unlike other UDOT projects, the Mountain View Corridor is being built in an area where no other road existed. UDOT's goal is to educate residents in the area about the dangers of work zones so they can help keep everyone safe for the duration of the project.

In addition to not recreating in construction areas, UDOT's Zero Fatalities program reminds drivers the importance of following the rules of the road and to use extra caution when driving in work zones. Motorists need to follow the posted speed limit for the construction zone, pay attention and always wear a seat belt.

"The construction of the Mountain View Corridor is vital to Utah's growing population and will make it easier for everyone to get around," Newell said. "With the continued assistance and support of the public, we can keep the construction area safe for everyone."

The best way for motorists to reduce delays and travel safely through work zones is to stay informed. Drivers can sign up for construction updates via email or text message, follow UDOT on Facebook and Twitter, check out real-time traffic cameras with CommuterLink cameras and visit the UDOT website at [udot.utah.gov](http://udot.utah.gov).

To find out more about UDOT's Zero Fatalities and Think Safety programs, log on to [zerofatalities.com](http://zerofatalities.com).

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